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FOR THE SECRETARY

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK, TZ
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MEETING WITH PATRIOTIC FRONT

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1529

1. AT NOON APRIL 8, SALIM BRIEFED ME AS FOLLOWS ON
MUGABE'S AND NYERERE'S POSITION ON MALTA II MEETING.

2. MUGABE HAD JUST SEEN NYERERE. MUGABE SAID TIME AND
VENUE OF MALTA II HAD BEEN AGREED UPON AT LAGOS. EVERYONE
CONCERNED WAS PRESENT. AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED THE MEETING
SHOULD PROCEED AS AGREED AND IN NO OTHER WAY. HE WILL COME.

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3. NYERERE TAKES THIS MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY. THE IDEA OF
DAR ES SALAAM WAS SUGGESTED AND AGREED UPON IN LAGOS. NYERERE

SEES NO REASON TO CHANGE IT AND PLENTY OF REASONS TO KEEP
IT THE WAY IT IS (REFTEL). IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER

CONFUSION, NYERERE IS NOW WITHDRAWING HIS ARUSHA SUGGESTION (WHICH WAS NOT MENTIONED AT LAGOS). THE TANGOV IS PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR A MEETING HERE NEXT WEEKEND. HE IS GETTING IN TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA TO THIS EFFECT.

4. MUGABE IS GOING ON TO MAPUTO TODAY. HE IS BRINGING MESSAGE IN PARAS. 2-3 ABOVE TO NKOMO THERE. IT IS NOW UP TO THE PF (WHICH IN CONTEXT MEANS NKOMO) TO DECIDE TO COME TO THE MEETING OR NOT. (SALIM ALMOST IMPLIED SAME IS TRUE OF US AND UK. HE SAID AT PRESIDENT'S DIRECTION HE WAS GIVING UK ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER STRONG SAME MESSAGE HE HAD GIVEN ME.) HE ADDED MEETING COULD START APRIL 14 IN DAR IF EVERYBODY WANTED.)

5. COMMENT: I SAID I WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH AND TRIED TO DOWNPLAY WHAT IS LIKELY TO TURN OUT TO BE JUST A FLUTTER AS WE ALL MOVE AHEAD TOWARD COMMON GOAL. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT BEST AND PERHAPS ONLY CHANCE TO PROCEED WITH SCENARIO IS TO ACCEPT DAR AS VENUE. TO FAIL TO DO SO IS TO PUT RELATIONSHIP WITH NYERERE AT VERY HIGH RISK. PLEASE RECONSIDER AND INFORM ASAP.

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